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LPG Distribution

1835. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR :
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY :
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether several cases of irregularities/ malpractices have been reported in the distribution of filled LPG cylinders by dealers;

(b) if so, the number of cases reported during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against such agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c). According to PSU Oil Marketing Comapanies, some cases of irregularities/malpractices which include supply of underweight cylinders, overcharging, delay in refill supply, forced sale of hot plate, etc., have been reported in the distribution of filled LPG cylinders. The details of established complaints reported in the Country during the last three years are as under :

1994-95	456
1995-96	629
1996-97 (upto Sept., 96)	106

Appropriate penal action is taken against the erring distributors under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines, which includes warning letters, fines and suspension and termination.

Captive Power Plant

1836. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects in private sector cleared by the Government till October, 1996;

(b) whether any captive power plant is to be set up in private sector to generate 30 thousand megawatt of electricity to meet the heavy requirement of power in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the thermal power, diesel power and hydro power plants to be set up in the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) As on 31.10.1996, nineteen private sector power projects have been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

Bhadrawati TPS

1837. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :
SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have since examined the draft Power Purchase Agreement received in respect of Bhadravati TPS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether counter guarantee for the project has since have given; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The comments of Government of India on the draft Power Purchase Agreement were made available to Government of Maharashtra (GOM) for joining response of GOM/Maharashtra State Electricity Board and the Central Power Generating Company Limited, which has since been received.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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Drinking Water Schemes

1838. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted survey of villages in Uttar Pradesh and Sambhal area in particular for water supply schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated for implementing these schemes and the time by which these schemes are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1.4.1994 there were 23250 Not Covered (NC) and 113969 Partially Covered (PC) habitations in Uttar Pradesh.